

This statement overrides previous decisions on the site.**Note to the Camden Municipal Wells File - NJD980769087**From: Denise V. Zeno, SAM *DVZ*Subject: **Is this site an alias of the Puchack NPL site? Which wells need to be assessed under the Camden Municipal Wells site?**

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*Background****The site was re-evaluated as part of the 1999 GAO audit and re-assigned for an SIP evaluation with potential sampling.***

On 1989, NJDEP assessed the Camden Municipal wells. The SI report included four wellfield: 1) Morris wellfield; 2) Delair wellfield; 3) Puchack Wellfield; and 4) Parkside wellfield and City Well # 7 (all other City wells have been closed). The Parkside and City well # 7 are also referred in the report as City Wells.

DEP's report indicates that raw water from the Morris and Delair Wellfields are treated in the same treatment plant while the Parkside wellfield and City well #7 are treated in the Parkside treatment plant. The contaminants of concern at the Morris-Delair Wellfields and the City Wells are VOCs; such as, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, TCE, PCE, chlorobenzene, benzene, trans-1, 2-dichloroethene, toluene, methylene chloride, etc.

In 8/1993, the site was evaluated and aliased to the Puchack Wellfield site (NJD981084767) due to the chromium contamination. However, during the NPL listing process for the Puchack site, only the Puchack wellfield was listed while the remaining wellfield were left out, unaddressed. This data was confirmed by Cipot, Puchack's RPM, in 1999. (Refer also to 4/16/97 note). NJDEP's Site Status Report of August 1999 shows that the site is awaiting to be assigned. On further discussion with the State, we got their approval to assess the site.

On 1/2000, I plotted the wells on a topographic map and noticed that the Camden Municipal Wells are divided in three main areas: Morris and Delair Wellfields to the north, the Parkside and City Well # 7 to the south while Puchack is located between both wellfields.

I discussed the site with Dennis Munhall and Cathy Moyik. We discussed the following options to deal with the confusion created by the site name and the alias issue:

- a) Change the name to: "Camden: Morris, Delair, and Parkside Wellfields".
- b) Change the name to: "Camden: Morris and Delair Wellfield". This site will only include these wells
- c) discover a "new" site for the southern wells: "Parkside and City Well #7".

If the State of NJ is handling the groundwater contamination, we will assigned a State Lead action in CERCLIS.

Decision

1) The Camden Municipal Wells site is not an alias of the Puchack NPL site. The Puchack NPL site did not included the Morris, Delair, City well #,7 and Parkside wellfields. We will evaluate the options mentioned above after we receive the preliminary findings of the SIP.

2) The SIP will evaluate the Morris , Delair, City well # 7, and Parkside wellfields. We told START to: a) update the information on Morris, Delair, Parkside, and City well # 7; b) Morris and Delair wellfield will be treated as one system because they are part of a blended system; c) If the Parkside wellfield and the City Well # 7 are part of a separate blended system; then, we will assess them as such; d) Along with the data recollection, to include an Environmental Data Resource (EDR) Report for both systems and the USGS well inventory for the area.